

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK EXAMINER**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING THE RCE**

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**Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response**

**[0001]** Herein, I submit remarks explaining why the primary cited reference (namely, Colson) does not disclose what is recited in the claims. I also formally request an interview to discuss these particular differences.

**[0002]** This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.

## **SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

None